



The Rejection of Internationalism

The Treaty of Versailles

June 28,
1919



The League of Nations

*Wilson's
Baby*





Ratifying Treaties



“[The President] shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur....”

-- Article II, Section 2

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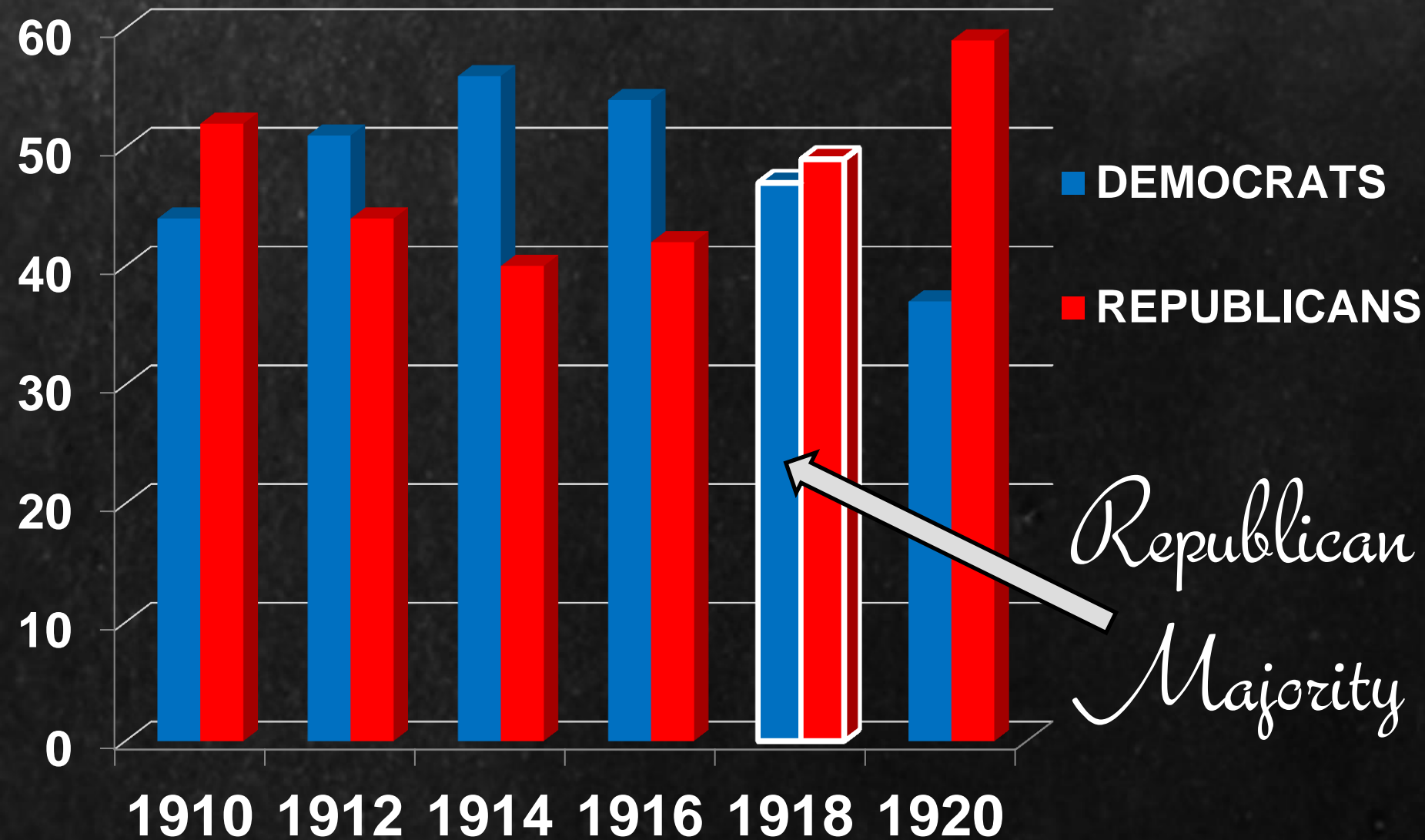
*The Senate vote necessary
to ratify a treaty*

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***The number of senators included in
Wilson's peace delegation to Europe.***

The U.S. Senate

1910-1920



The League of Nations

*An
Entangling
Alliance?*



Article X

of the League Covenant



The Members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external *aggression* the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all Members of the League. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression the Council shall advise upon the means by which this *obligation* shall be fulfilled.

Three Views of the Treaty



Internationalists

Ratify the Treaty

AS IS



Reservationists

Ratify the Treaty
with
Reservations



Irreconcilables

DON'T
RATIFY
the Treaty

SOVEREIGNTY

Lodge Reservations



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Stipulations

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**Sen. Henry Cabot
Lodge (R-MA)**

A black and white photograph of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States, sitting at a desk. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a tie. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is dark, with some decorative elements visible on the wall. The text 'Wilson's Dilemma' is overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Wilson's Dilemma

**Compromise with
Reservationists or
stand his ground?**

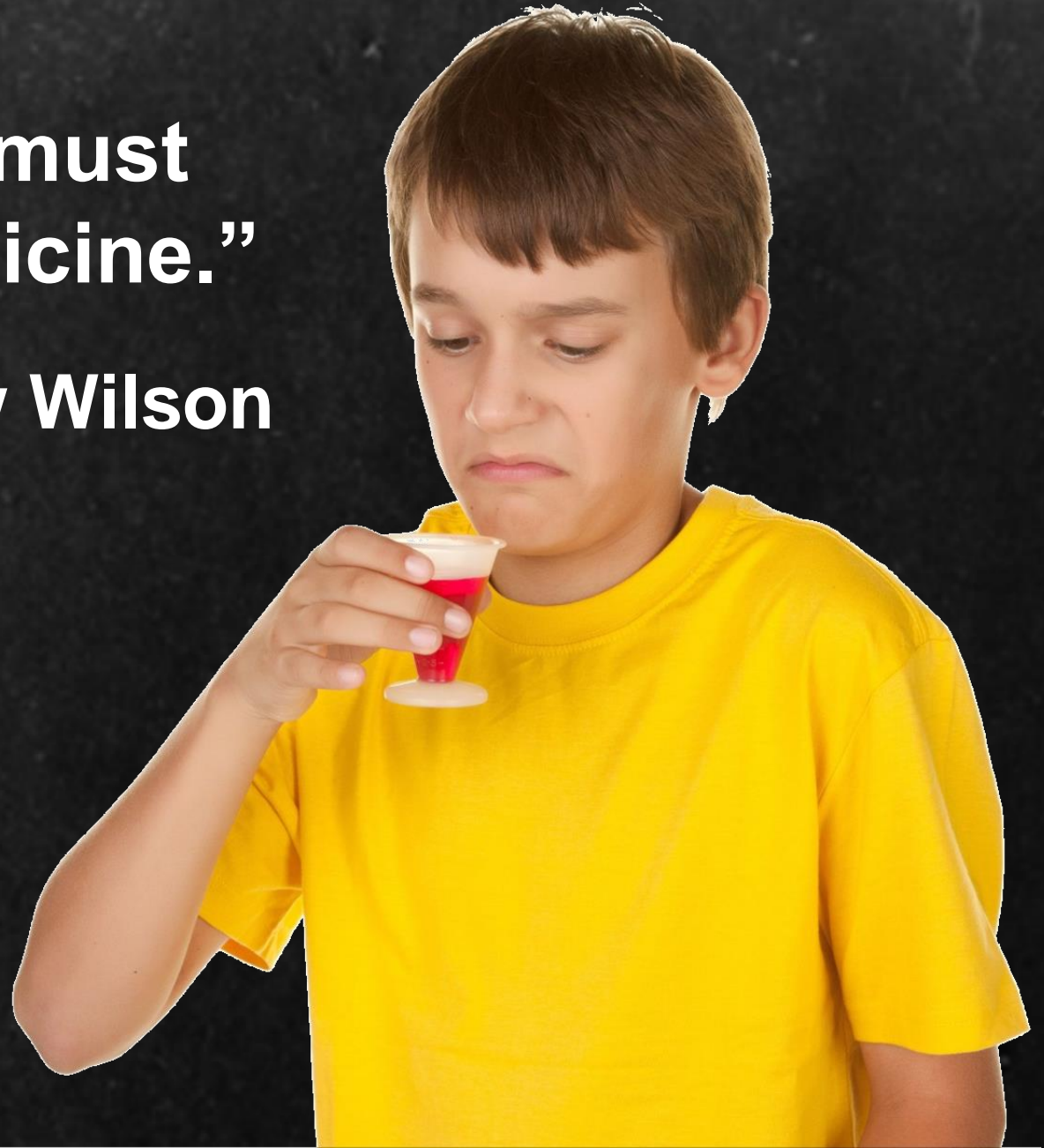
EUROPE
TO US:

**Reservations
OK!**



**“The Senate must
take its medicine.”**

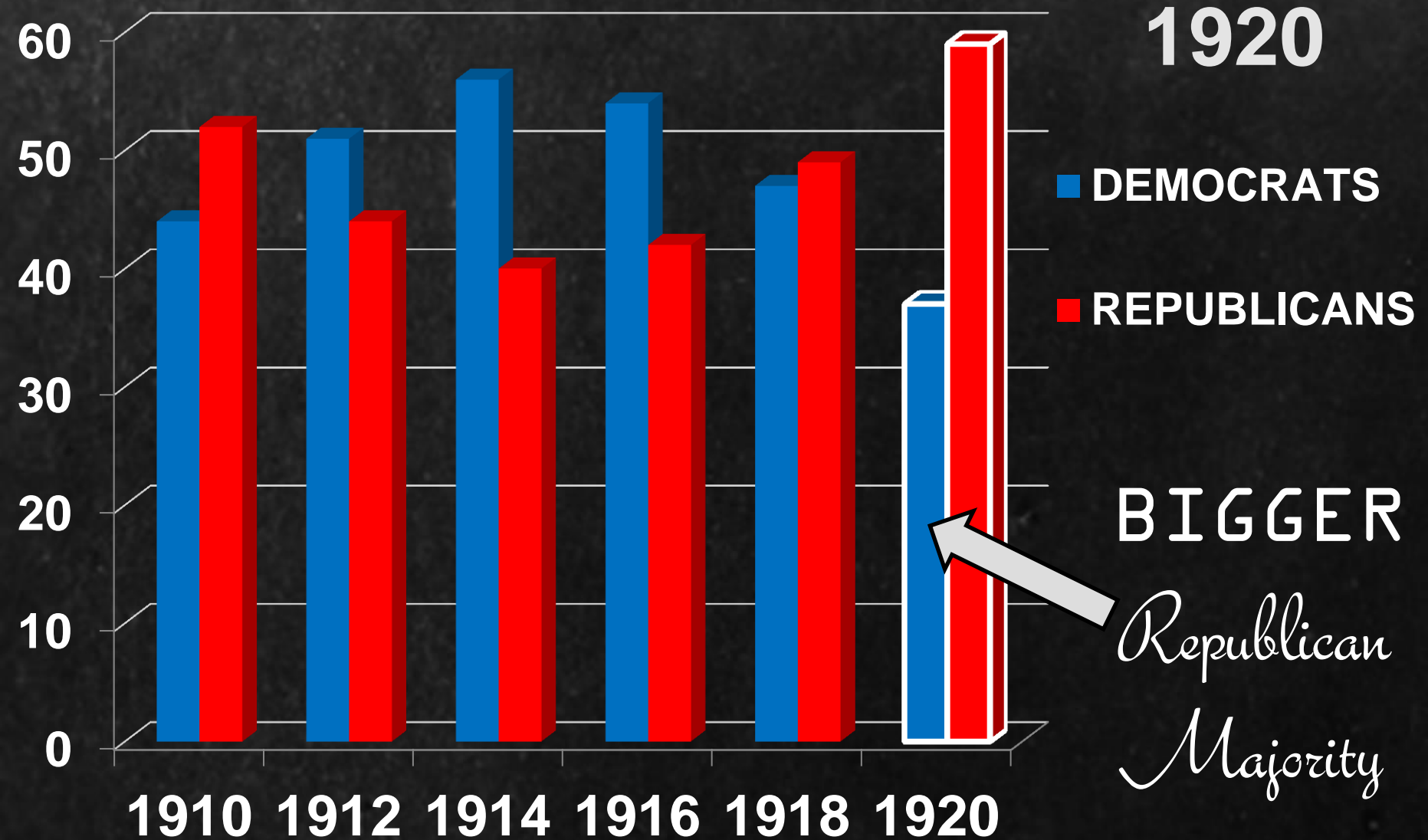
-- Woodrow Wilson





NO COMPROMISE

A "Solemn Referendum"



**The United States never
joined the League.**

**Wilson's mission to intimately involve the
U.S. in global affairs was a failure.**

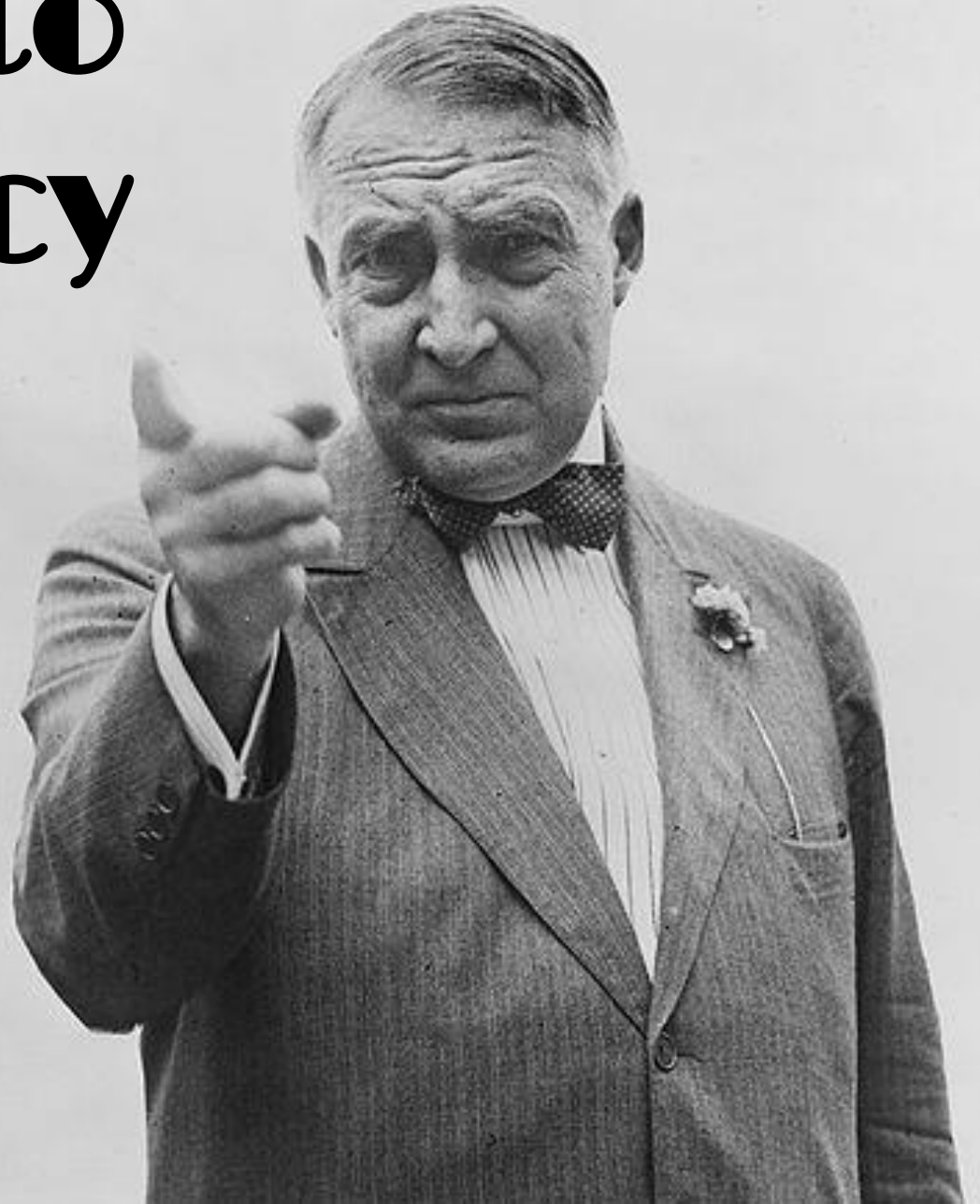
Warren G. Harding

(R-OH)
29th POTUS
1921-1923

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Return to Normalcy



Americanism

Call it the selfishness of nationality if you will. I think it's an inspiration to patriotic devotion

to safeguard America first,
to stabilize America first,
to prosper America first,
to think of America first.

-- Warren G. Harding
Campaign Speech (1920)



MYTH

U.S. foreign policy
was *isolationist*
during the 1920s.



The Isolationism Myth

**“If you study the '20s...
there was an American-
first policy that said,
'Who cares what
happens in Europe?’”**

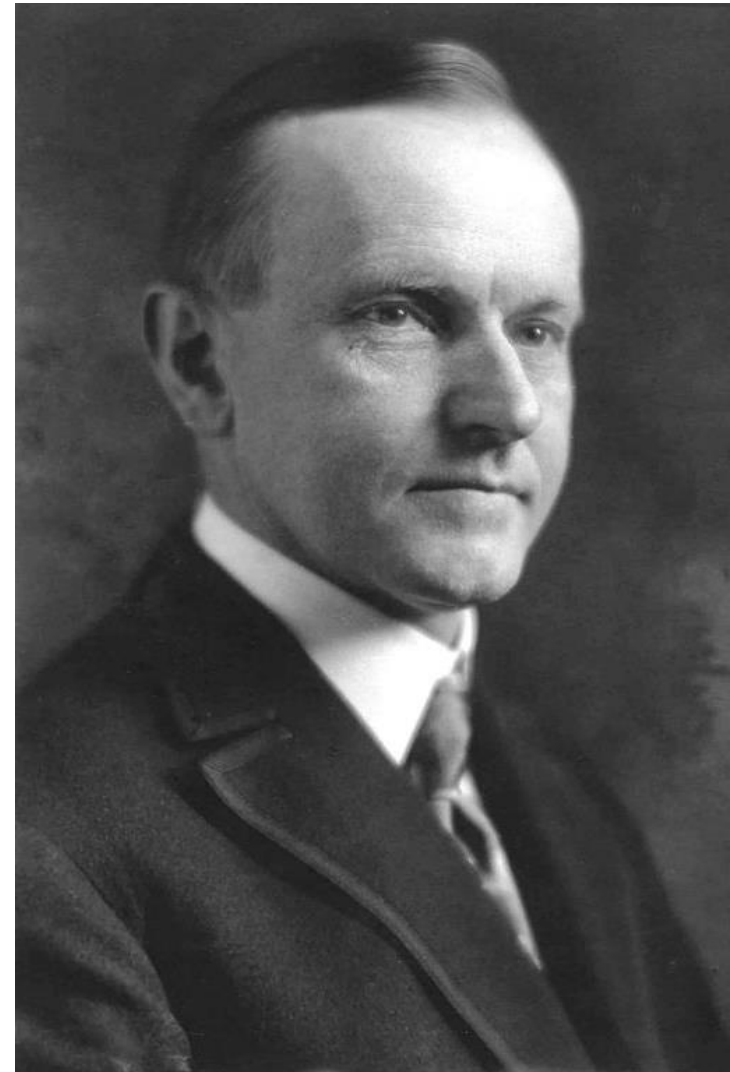
-- George W. Bush



Isolationism

“It will be well not to be too much disturbed by the thought of either isolation or entanglement of pacifists and militarists. The physical configuration of the earth has separated us from all of the Old World, but the common brotherhood of man... has united us by inseparable bonds with all humanity.”

**-- Calvin Coolidge
Inaugural Address (1925)**



World War I



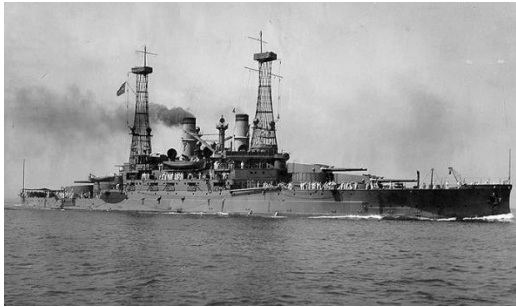
IT SUCKED!

Let's
NOT
do that
again!

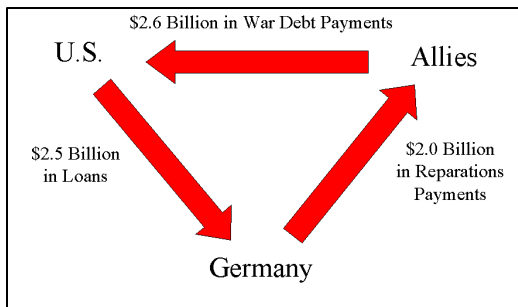


Peace and Understanding

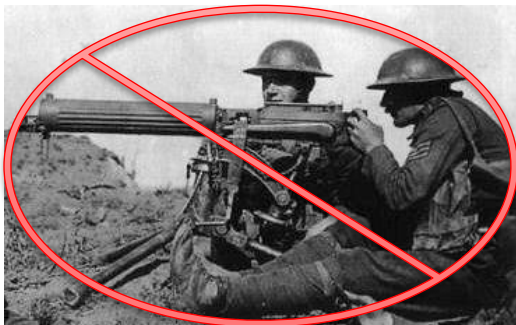
America: World Leader



Washington Naval Conference



Dawes Plan



Kellogg-Briand Pact

Washington Naval Conference

(1921)

Naval Arms Control
Avoid Arms Race



Washington Naval Conference

(1921)

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Nation	Capital Ships	Aircraft Carriers
Britain	5	5
U.S.	5	5
Japan	3	3

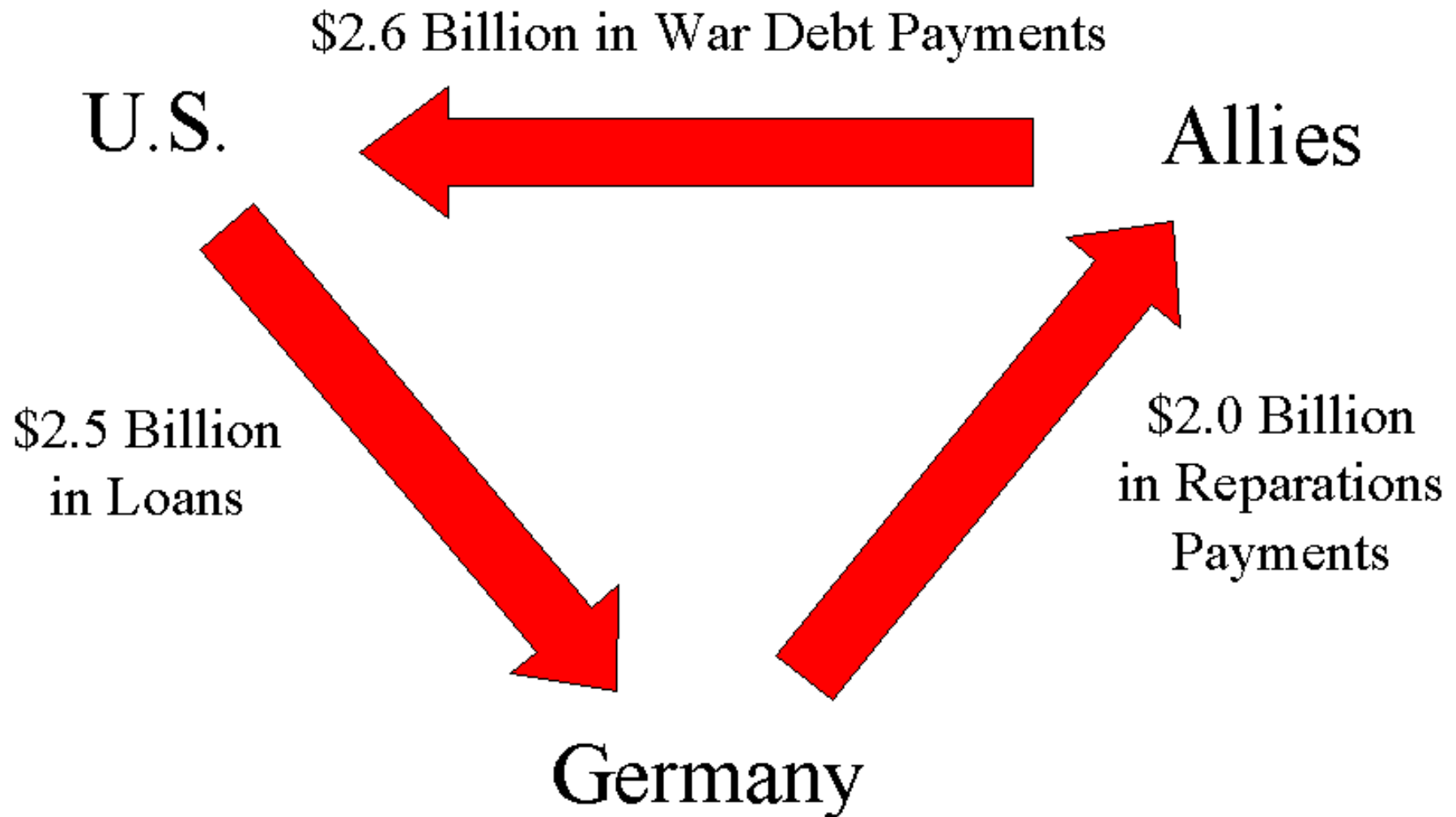
U.S.S. South Carolina

DISMANTLED (1924)

A black and white photograph of the U.S.S. South Carolina (BB-39) at sea. The ship is a pre-dreadnought battleship, characterized by its two main masts and two large gun turrets. The ship is viewed from a distance, showing its full length and the wake it leaves in the water. A dark diagonal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'DISMANTLED (1924)' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

Dawes Plan

NOTE: This is different from the Dawes Act (1887)



Dawes Plan



Kellogg-Briand Pact (1929)

Renounced war as
an “instrument of
national policy”



Non-Intervention

“Good Neighbor” Policy

Non-intervention
in Latin America

~~IMPERIALISM~~



Neutrality Acts (1930s)

NO AID

TO

BELLIGERENTS

